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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ortega et al.

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THE DIAGNOSIS AND PREVENTION

OF NEOSPOROSIS AND AS A MARKER FOR ANALYSIS OF THE

PATHOGENESIS

Examiner : Albert Mark Navarro

Art Unit : 1645

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed November 21, 2007, Applicant responds as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.